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In re Patent Application of:

Wang et al

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For: POROUS METALLIC SCAFFOLD FOR

TISSUE INGROWTH

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

On October 10, 2002, applicant filed a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) establishing inventor, Kathy Wang's, refusal to constructively join the prosecution of the above entitled action. The petition was granted and mailed on February 27, 2003 to applicant. Inventor Wang also received notice of the aforementioned petition and decision as well as a letter advising of her rights as an inventor. Inventor Kathy Wang has now decided to formally join the application and submitted herewith is her executed Oath and Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.63.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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